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Evening Telegraph

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1871.

THE INDIGNATION MEETING THIS EVENING.

THE reports from Harrisburg state very emphatically that the commission scheme has been nipped in the bud by the appointment by Speaker Webb of five additional members upon the Committee on Municipal Corporations, which has the bills in charge. All of these five honorable gentlemen except one. we are informed, are opposed to the commissions, and the object of their appointment, we are told, is to defeat the bills in committee, so that they will be adversely reported, and the House consequently prevented from passing them except by a two-thirds vote. All of which is exceedingly lovely in its superficial aspects, but may we be permitted to inquire, without impeaching Speaker Webb's motives, why all five of the additional committeemen are not opponents of the grand scheme for plundering the city of Philadelphia? It will not do for the people of this city to rely for safety upon a legislative trick, such as this packing the Committee on Municipal Corporations most certainly is, for while such a trick may be a legitimate means of defeating villainy, it is far preferable that the men who propose to institute a grand system of robbery should be made to understand that they will do so at their peril, and that the citizens of Philadelphia have both the power and the disposition to resist by force, if necessary, the attempt now being made to trample on their liberties. One exceedingly suspicious circumstance in the appointment of the supposed anti-commission committeemen is, that as a great indignation meeting is to be held at Horticultural Hall this evening, it has been possible to announce in this morning's papers that the danger is all over. Speaker Webb's little arrangement has squelched the commission bills, and the men who expected to grow rich during the next five years, and for an indefinite period after that, have nothing now to do but to tear their hair and to gnash their teeth in impotent rage and disappointment. All of which has very much the appearance of an attempt to throw a wet blanket upon the meeting called for this evening, and to quiet the suspicions of those who seemed disposed to be troublesome. We warn our readers not to be deceived by any reports from Harrisburg, but to assemble in force this evening, and protest in such a manner against the commission bills that the men who are attempting to force them through the Legislature will be obliged to recognize the weight of public opinion. The advocates of the scheme for placing the government of the city of Philadelphia in the hands of a series of all-powerful and totally irresponsible commissions are playfor immense stakes, they leave nothing undone will to accomplish their object. It is therefore the duty of the citizens of Philadelphia to watch closely every movement made at Harrisburg, and to refuse to be deceived by any half-way measures or arrangements for fixing up matters other than by the clear and unequivocal defeat of the bills. Let no citizen who had made up his mind to attend the meeting at Horticultural Hall this evening absent himself on account of the reports from Harrisburg which appeared in this morning's

hereafter. If the commission bills pass every description of property will be depreciated in value to an alarming extent, and in many sections of the city real estate will scarcely be worth owning. It will be a great mistake to suppose that the rich will be the chief sufferers by this wholesale system of robbery which the commission scheme proposes to inaugurate, but, on the contrary, the burden of the increased taxation will fall upon the poor men, the mechanics, the laborers, and all who now have the greatest difficulty in earning a decent maintenance for themselves and families. It will largely increase the rent of dwellinghouses, and the liens which the commissions are authorized to make against certain property to secure the payment of ostensible cost of so-called improvements will be so annoying and burdensome that many mechanics and others who now own comfortable little homes will only be too glad to get rid of them at any price and take their chances of getting shelter under the roof of some one else. Indeed, it is impossible to estimate the annoyance and suffering which will be caused by these commissions to the poorer classes of the community, and it is the duty of the hard-handed sons of toil, without regard to party, to make their influence felt in an unmistakable manner at the meeting to-might, and not to allow the rich men alone to be the denouncers of the villainous scheme which is now being hatched at Harrisburg. Let there be such an outpouring of all classes this evening, and such an emphatic expression of opinion, that the advocates of the commission scheme will be made to understand that Tammany rule cannot be inaugurated in this city without danger to the men who attempt it, and we assure our readers that a little plain talk from the citizens of Philadelphia will have more effect in defeating the commission bills than any packing of committees will. That Speaker Webb's arrangement for killing the bills in committee cannot be relied upon for an instant will be seen if we investigate the constitution of the Committee on Municipal Corporations. This committee is composed of the following fifteen individuals:-Messrs, Johnston, Parsons, Duffy, Wiley, Dumbell, Walker, Hagar, Fleeger, Starr, Mooney, Harvey, Lamon, Meek, McGowan, and Lewis. Ten of these are reported to be in favor of the commission bills. Speaker Webb has added the following five gentlemen-Messrs: Miller,

papers, or the probabilities are that he will

be obliged to suffer for it in his pocket

whom is said to be in favor of the commissions, which would make the committee now stand eleven in favor of the commissions and nine opposed to them. This would make a majority of two in favor of reporting the bills with a recommendation that they pass, and those who participate at the meeting this evening need not be at all surprised if the proceedings are enlivened by a despatch from Harrisburg stating that this has been done.

A POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRA-

In the National House of Representatives yesterday three subjects of general interest were under consideration-viz., a scheme for increasing the volume of the currency; an abrogation of the duty on tea and coffee and the repeal of the income tax; and the old question of protection and free trade. Here are three vital issues, and if the administration is on quest of a policy let it take firm ground in them. The Democracy openly proclaim everywhere, except in Pennsylvania, that in the next Presidential campaign they intend to make free trade the boldest inscription on their banner; let the administration equally bold in avowing its devotion to protection. For every vote it loses on this issue it will gain hundreds. A Republican free-trader is more than half a Democrat already, and, like David A. Wells, late Special Commissioner of the Revenue, he is only awaiting a convenient opportunity to desert openly to the ranks of the enemy, while many thousands of Democratic protectionists will be kept within the folds of the Democratic organization so long as Republicanism courts free-trade alliances. Let the income tax be abolished to please the rich men, and the tax on tea and coffee be taken off to please the masses of the land, and the administration will, for such a service, have a legitimate claim upon the gratitude of both. These taxes are popularly and justly regarded as war taxes, and they should be imposed only under the pressure of dire necessity. Grant will win a thousand times greener laurels by fighting for protection, and against the income tax and the tax en tea and coffee, than by fighting for San Domingo. If he adds to these planks of a new platform a well-matured, and well-secured plan for increasing the volume of the currency, without encouraging undue expansion, he can yet recover much of the ground that has been lost. It is folly, in this age, to attempt to amuse the American people with a prospect of foreign wars, with petty acquisitions of foreign territory, or with tales of the terrible doings of the Ku-Klux Klans. The wolf is at their own doors, and if the men who rule at Washington are worth a stiver they will devise plans for driving and keeping him away. This is the paramount duty of the hour, and while nothing is to be gained, everything is to be lost, by shirking it, and by wasting the energies of a great

projects. LAMENTABLE POLITICAL INTEL-

party in frivolous quarrels over unimportant

LIGENCE. It is reported that Senator Cameron does not intend to remain chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, but it is impossible to see how the nation can afford to dispense with his invaluable services. That portion of his duties which consists in supervising treaties with the aborigines he can discharge with pre-eminent ability, for the valuable experience he gained among the Winnebagoes enables him to talk Indian as glibly as the most skilful interpreters. In his examination of treaties with Turkey he can be assisted by his talented son-in-law who is now Minister at Constantinople. He will also be helped in his supervision of German treaties by proficiency in Pennsylvania Dutch. He was sent as Minister to Russia. and in the natural course of things should have gained some knowledge of the Russian language, but unfortunately he remained at St. Petemburg for only a few days, and the service for which he pocketed a large outfit and salary consisted mainly in a tour through the Highlands of Scotland over the old stamping-grounds of the Clan Cameron. This of itself, however, was of great service to the American people, for of all the inhabitants of the Old World none are so important and so worthy of consideration as the relatives of our distinguished Senator. In the Italian, French, and Spanish languages the new chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations is, unfortunately, not specially well versed; but no one can question his appreciation of the music of Italian opera singers, the accuracy of his judgment French champagne, or his ardent devotion to Spanish dollars. That he is deeply learned in the musty lore of international law is amply proved by his control over successive Pennsylvania Legislatures; for the fact is palpable that he has secured the votes of those exalted bodies solely through their keen appreciation of his profound knowledge of the subjects which Puffendorf, Vattel, Wheaton, and fogies vainly endeavored other old to explain. The Senate of the United States, being the wisest deliberative body in the world, had these extraordinary qualifications in view when it selected such an exemplary man to be its teacher and guide in the intricate matters relating to treaties with foreign nations. The news that he contemplates resigning will plunge the nation into profound grief. After the mighty advance step involved in the substitution of Cameron for Sumner, how can a man be found worthy of the man-

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